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Christmas Series: Real Joy Can Be Yours!

Our Theme: "Joy Is The Serious Business of Heaven." ~C.S. Lewis
Luke 2:10, 11, 15-17
<u>The Jewel of Joy:</u> - the <u>grace of God</u> given to us sinful, hopeless, in the grip of Satan people - which leads to <u>Real Joy</u> .
⇒ "Joy is the settled assurance that God is in control of the details of my life, the quiet that ultimately everything is going to be alright, and the determined to praise God in every situation." ~Rick Warren
1. Humans Falling Into
Ephesians 2:12 A life apart from Christ: "having no hope and without God in the world."
<u>Genesis 3:8-13</u>
<u>The Fall Brought</u> : <u>Instant Shame</u> —All Awe and Joy Gone—replaced with fear, fear replaced love
2. Christians Living A Life of
1 Corinthians 2:9, 10, 12-14
Giving Into Danger of Seduction: Putting experience above Scripture Getting satisfied which much less that what God offers 2 Corinthians 11:3, 4
3. Choosing A Life of
Philippians 1:4, 13, 14 - True Fellowship - Real Closeness to Jesus triumphs over everything else!
<u>Philippians 2:17, 18, 23</u> <u>Philippians 4:7-9, 12</u>
<u>Joy Point</u> : God guards our <u>hearts</u> and <u>minds</u> as we <u>practice surrender</u> and <u>obedience</u>
2 Corinthians 10:5